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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Operations

Bill:

1. The purpose of this briefing paper is merely to somewhat formalize our several conversations on the matter concerning personnel ceiling for the DD/A careerists who are returning from South Vietnam. The normal rule of the road, when there is continuity, or only slight variation, in the total number of your positions used overseas for DD/A careerists, is that they are your positions and your ceiling. We are faced, however, with a totally different situation in South Vietnam, inasmuch as the circumstances of withdrawal have been such that the need to continue the services of DD/A careerists in that area is nil. We have discussed this and I appreciate your fair and intelligent consideration that a deviation from the normal ground rules on holding ceiling is reasonable in this particular circumstance.

2. I have attached for your information a compilation sheet, by location in Vietnam [REDACTED] as well as the career subgroups represented by this Directorate.

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3. In pursuit of our earlier discussions, I suggest the following ground rule. Because of the total number of positions involved, and in light of the large number of DDO returnees involved, it is reasonable to assume that you may wish to augment the administrative units of some of your components. The rule of thumb I would suggest, therefore, has three guides:

a) At such time as determinations are made by your Directorate that the DD/A incumbent of any of the positions involved is to be returned for duty to the DD/A, a transfer of ceiling position be made by you to me.

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b) If you desire to retain for duty any DD/A careerist within your Directorate, you retain the personnel ceiling.

c) No currently categorized DD/A position in South Vietnam will be converted to a DDO categorized position.

4. I would be most pleased to either receive your concurrence on this proposal or, should you desire, to discuss the matter further.

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Deputy Director
for
Administration

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